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SUBJECT: THE LAPO "INCIDENT" -- YET ANOTHER REFERENCE TO IT

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1. TALKING ABOUT AMERICAN PRESS REPORTING ABOUT BULGARIA, FOREIGN MINISTER MLADENOV DURING CSCE REVIEW JAN 14 REFERRED TO REPORTING OF THE LOS ANGELES PHILHARMONIC PERFORMANCE DEC 7 AS EXAMPLE OF AN AMERICAN NEWSPAPERMAN COMING TO BULGARIA AND REPORTING ONLY UNPLEASANTNESS. THIS WAS REFERENCE TO MURRAY SEEGER'S PIECE IN THE LOS ANGELES TIMES. HE WOULD HAVE THOUGHT, MLADENOV SAID, THAT LAPO VISIT WOULD HAVE BEEN OPPORTUNITY FOR AMERICAN PRESS TO SAY SOMETHING NICE ABOUT BULGARIA.

2. AMBASSADOR SAID THAT EXCEPT FOR HIGHLIGHTING THE DEC 7 INCIDENT WHEN ORCHESTRA REFUSED TO GO ON STAGE, SEEGER'S REPORTING ON BULGARIA HAD NOT BEEN UNFAVORABLE ON BALANCE. MLADENOV NOTED WE HAD EXPRESSED REGRETS REGARDING THE "INCIDENT" BUT WENT ON TO SAY THAT THE BULGARIAN PRESS REPORTED ONLY FAVORABLY ON LAPO AND THAT HE WOULD NEVER HAVE BELIEVED THAT "SUCH A BEAUTIFUL EVENT" COULD HAVE BEEN USED TO "POISON OUR RELATIONS." AMBASSADOR EXPRESSED HOPE THAT THE DEC 7 EVENT WOULD
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NOT BE ALLOWED TO INTERFERE WITH ONGOING CULTURAL RELATIONS.

3. COMMENT: ACTUALLY IT HAS NOT INTERFERED WITH THOSE RELATIONS. RECENT CONVERSATIONS WITH CHAVDAR DAMYANOV, HEAD OF MFA CULTURAL DIVISION, INDICATE THAT GOB CONTINUES ANXIOUS TO CONCLUDE THE PROGRAM AGREEMENT AND TO SIGN IT

TOGETHER WITH THE CULTURAL AGREEMENT IN NEAR FUTURE.
"REFLECTIONS" EXHIBIT WAS WELL LAUNCHED AND WELL RECEIVED;
AND BULGARIANS ARE LOOKING FOR EXPANSION OF CULTURAL
INTERCHANGES. (ON SIGNING OF AGREEMENT MLADENOV SAID HE
WOULD HAVE TO CHECK WITH PAPAZOV WHETHER SIGNING IT HERE,
AND LETTING PAPAZOV SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NATIONAL
SCIENCE FOUNDATION WHEN HE IS IN WASHINGTON, WOULD BE
AGREEABLE TO HIM.)

4. AS A FOOTNOTE, IT MAY BE OF INTEREST THAT AMBASSADOR
HAS RECEIVED A LETTER FROM MR. FLEISCHMANN, THE BUSINESS
MANAGER OF LAPO, IN WHICH HE SAYS: "WE DID CAUSE YOU
SOME PROBLEMS AND I MUST PLEAD GUILTY ON BEHALF OF MR.
MEHTA AND SOME OF OUR MUSICIANS AND MYSELF, BUT I DO HOPE
THAT IT WILL BE A CASE OF 'ENDE GUT, ALLES GUT.'"
THIS IS THE FIRST ADMISSION WE HAVE SEEN FROM MR. FLEISCH-
MANN THAT PERHAPS HE MAY HAVE BEEN AT FAULT.
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